IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete listing of the claims, and replaces all earlier version and listings.

1. - 28. (canceled).

29. (currently amended): An ~~information~~ image processing apparatus ~~capable of communicating with a plurality of print control apparatuses including~~ connected to a color ~~print control apparatus~~ printer and a monochromatic ~~print control apparatus~~ printer, said ~~information~~ image processing apparatus comprising:

[[a]] discrimination ~~unit adapted to discriminate~~ means for discriminating whether ~~print data to be output to any of the~~ each page in a print job consisting of a plurality of ~~print control apparatuses~~ pages is a color [[data]] page or a monochromatic [[data]] page;

[[a]] determination ~~unit adapted to determine~~ means for determining whether ~~the print data~~ each page in the print job is to be output ~~either~~ to the color ~~print control apparatus~~ printer or to the monochromatic ~~print control apparatus~~ printer, based on a discrimination made by said discrimination ~~unit~~ means;

~~a first~~ output ~~unit adapted to, when said determination unit determines that the~~ means for outputting print data ~~is to be output~~ of each page selectively to the color [[print]] printer or to the monochromatic printer based on a determination made by said determination means; ~~control apparatus, output the print data to the color print control apparatus with a designation of a first ejection destination, wherein, when an output~~

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~~destination is changed from the monochromatic print control apparatus to the color print~~

~~control apparatus, said first output unit outputs a certain page while maintaining the~~

~~designation of the first ejection destination, if the page is serial to a previously outputted~~

~~page, and outputs a certain page together with a designation changed from the designation~~

~~of the first ejection destination, if the page is not serial to the previously outputted page;~~

~~and~~

adding means for adding, to the print data output by said output means, an ejection command according to the color or monochromatic printer; and

~~a second output unit adapted to, when said determination unit determines~~

~~that the print data is to be output to the monochromatic print control apparatus, output the~~

~~print data to the monochromatic print control apparatus with a designation of a second~~

~~ejection destination, wherein, when an output destination is changed from the color print~~

~~control apparatus to the monochromatic print control apparatus, said second output unit~~

~~outputs a certain page while maintaining the designation of the second ejection destination,~~

~~if the page is serial to a previously outputted page, and outputs a certain page together with~~

~~a designation changed from the designation of the second ejection destination, if the~~

control means for controlling each of the color and monochromatic printers such that an ejection position is changed when a succeeding page is not serial to the previously

outputted page, based on the ejection command added by said adding means.

30. - 32.   (canceled).

33. (new): An image processing method for use in an image processing apparatus that is connected to a color printer and a monochromatic printer, said method comprising the steps of:

a discriminating step for discriminating whether each page in a print job consisting of a plurality of page is color page or a monochromatic page;

a determination step for determining whether each page in the print job is to be output to the color printer or to the monochromatic printer, based on a discrimination made in said discriminating step;

an output step for outputting print data of each page selectively to the color printer or to the monochromatic printer based on a determination made in said determination step;

an adding step for adding, to the print data output in said output step, an ejection command according to the color or monochromatic printer; and

a control step for controlling each of the color and monochromatic printers such that an ejection position is changed when a succeeding page is not serial to the previously outputted page, based on the ejection command added in said adding step.

34. (new):   An image processing apparatus according to claim 29, wherein the ejection command added by said adding means is a command for shifting the ejection position from one position in a tray to a second position in that same tray.

35. (new):   An image processing apparatus according to claim 29, wherein the ejection command added by said adding means is a command for ejection to another bin.

36. (new):   An image processing method according to claim 33, wherein the ejection command added in said adding step is a command for shifting the ejection position from one position in a tray to a second position in that same tray.

37. (new):   An image processing method according to claim 33, wherein the ejection command added in said adding step is a command for ejection to another bin.